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LOCAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, found 89 elected and 13 appointed officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Tuesday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Yorozu said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public’s interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two warning letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 6, 2002 and letter with an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 21, 2002.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

Government officials from Southwest Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing are:

Holly Solie , College Board Member, Clark College	\$150 Penalty
Mark Pelletier , School Director, Battle Ground SD	\$150 Penalty
Victoria Bradford , School Director, Evergreen SD	\$150 Penalty
Steven Rader , School Director, Kalama SD	\$100 Penalty
Janice Latch , School Director, Oakville SD	\$150 Penalty
Kraig Howard , Hospital Commissioner, Klickitat Hospital District	\$150 Penalty
John Cooper , Fire Commissioner, Clark Fire Protection District	\$300 Penalty
Karen Rollins , School Director, Washougal SD	\$150 Penalty
Jack Stenbridge , School Director, White Salmon SD	\$150 Penalty
Kristie Hurn , School Director, White Salmon SD	\$150 Penalty
Holli Jo Spanski , School Director, Winlock SD	\$150 Penalty
Pam Spencer , School Director, Winlock SD	\$100 Penalty
Dorothy Yount , School Director, Woodland SD	\$100 Penalty
Pamela Keck , School Director, Woodland SD	\$150 Penalty
Frank DeYoung , Fire Commissioner, Lewis Fire Protection District	\$150 Penalty
Loren McKee , Fire Commissioner, Lewis Fire Protection District	\$150 Penalty

On Tuesday, Yorozu also levied civil penalties to three lobbyist employers for failure to file annual employer reports due February 28, 2002. Laidlaw Transit, SBC Telecom Inc., and the Washington State Association of Independent Outpatient Programs were each fined \$500.

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